



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Seanna Young, 3, daughter of Sgt. William Young with 26 BSB, 2nd BCT, races across the CYS sports fields at Stewart to collect as many Easter eggs she could at the annual Easter egg hunt, March 22.

Youth hop into Stewart-Hunter Easter egg hunt

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

Holding their brightly colored Easter baskets and wearing even brighter smiles across their faces, hundreds of children flocked Fort Stewart's Child and Youth Services soccer and football fields March 22 for the annual Easter egg hunt.

Open to the community, several children arrived for the hunt an hour early, anxiously awaiting their chance to collect some of the 45,000 scattered pastel-colored plastic eggs, which left the grass looking more like a bag of party confetti.

Some toddlers were a bit too excited as they darted out past the barriers before the starting whistle blew. Other kids let out their pre-hunt jitters by dancing to the music that played over the loud speakers.

Several parents gave their children pointers, telling them to go for the neon and metallic-colored prize eggs. Collecting a prize egg

meant winning a large Easter basket full of toys, snacks, and other goodies.

After opening remarks from Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, Col. Todd Buchs, the starting whistle finally sounded and children scrambled about the fields to collect as many eggs they could. In less than five minutes, not a single egg was left on the ground.

The Stewart Easter egg hunt is an annual event hosted by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Due to last year's huge turnout, DMWR decided to almost double the number of Easter eggs. Extra eggs were also put aside for those children who arrived late and were unable to participate. Even late arrivers could get in on the fun, however, as several children's activities were made available after the hunt, to include face painting, bungee run, moon bounce, cookie decorating, arts and crafts, and photos with the Easter bunny.

Allysia Dunkins, 6, and her friends Makayla Morgan, 6, and Jasmine Kitts, 7, decorated their large sugar cookies with frosting and gummy bears. Dunkins said her cookie was for her daddy, a 1st Brigade Soldier who is scheduled to return home from Iraq next week.

The Fort Stewart police also showed their support as they handed out coloring books, rulers, and other brochures in an effort to help keep kids away from drugs. Even McGruff the Crime Dog was in attendance as he was bombarded with hugs, high-fives, and handshakes.

Melinda Young brought her daughters Seanna, 3, and Kiara, 10 months, to the festivities.

"It's events like these that help keep our minds off the deployment," she said. Her spouse, Sgt. William Young, is currently deployed with the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

"My daughters had a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to more events like this in the future."

Hunter Army Airfield held its Easter egg hunt simultaneously at the Hunter Child Development Center.



Courtney Richmond

Sydney Cole gets to meet the Easter bunny at Hunter's Easter egg hunt, March 22.



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Sgt. Wilfredo Rivera, 92nd Engineers, and his wife Amber help their daughter Isabelle, 7, and son Sebastian, 3, search for prize eggs after the Easter egg hunt at Stewart, March 22.



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From right, Makayla Morgan, 6, Jasmine Kitts, 7, and Allysia Dunkins, 6, decorate large sugar cookies during the festivities after the Stewart Easter egg hunt, March 22. Children could also get their face painted, make arts and crafts, play in the moon bounce and meet the Easter bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Sunrise service held to sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Pat Young
Managing Editor

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Gathering before the break of day, Easter morning, Marne Soldiers, civilians, and Family members gathered together at Marne Garden to join in fellowship and give thanks to the Lord

And though hundreds were in attendance on Stewart to help celebrate the resurrection of Christ, the Marne fellowship extended across the globe

"On this day, thousands of sunrise services will be held around the world," said Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander. He said even as guests at Stewart were sitting down to celebrate, Soldiers, community members at Hunter and Soldiers serving forward came together with a single cause of giving thanks on the most sacred of Christian holidays.

The freedom of religion, the ability to worship as we see fit, is a fundamental right we hold dear as Americans; our founding fathers were so convinced of this that they wrote it in the Bill of Rights, part of our Constitution."

Buchs said he joined with community members in celebration of their faith.

The service was enlightening, and a noted event occurred when Beth Novak, director of Catholic Religious Education, sang City of God, which talked of the coming of a new day. As she sang, dawn arose, spilling light on the congregation, adding illustration to prose.

Also at the event, a number of chaplains came together to share words of wisdom, and included a reading from the old testament, ***Psalm 16:8-11***, orated by Sgt. Thomas Miller, noncomissioned officer, Main Post Chapel.

A Gospel Services chaplain, was joined by the audience in responsive reading regarding the miracle of the resurrection, which set the stage for a joyous performance by the Fort Stewart Chapel's Gospel Youth Choir.

If attendance and participation is a mark of success, the fellowship thrived. And although they couldn't sing together,



Pat Young

Tonia Hayes, Theandrea Burgess and her son Elijah Burgess, 3, sing at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Marne Garden, March 23.



Pay Young

Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander, addresses hundreds of Soldiers, civilians and retirees at the Easter Sunrise Service at Marne Gardens March 23 on Stewart.

Soldiers and Families of the Marne Division were all able to rise and sing Hallelujah to the Lord, at home and abroad.



Staff Sgt. Sean Riley

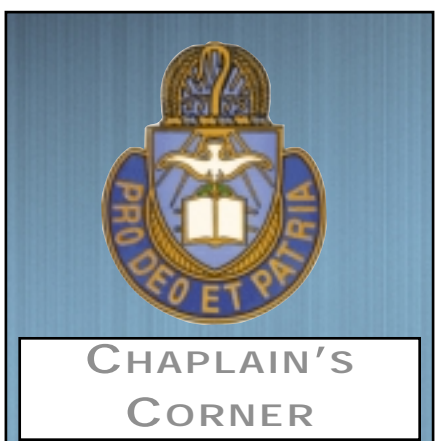
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sowers, from Atchison, Kan., the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team chaplain, addresses the congregation during the Easter Sunday sunrise service at FOB Hammer, Iraq, March 23.



Spc. Amanda McBride

More than 100 servicemembers and civilians sing during an Easter sunrise service, March 23, Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq. Those in attendance partook in songs and prayer to mark the special day.

God is never too busy to reconnect with us



Special to the Frontline

We live in a day of remarkable communication tools. New technologies allow us to connect with people anywhere in the world. Yet the irony is that many of us feel cut off, disconnected from other people, even the people who matter most to us. Too often we use modern conveniences to make our lives busier instead of better; somehow we become more distant from, not closer to, those we love.

If we sometimes feel isolated, there is much we can do to bridge the gap. We could take a moment to write a note, send an e-mail, make a phone call, or just stop to chat. We run the risk of becoming strangers in our neighborhoods or even our homes if we don't seek out opportunities for personal connection.

One man noted that in his busy office, it seemed that no one ever stopped to visit. Dozens of co-workers shared a building but didn't share anything else. Yes, work needs

to be done, and time is precious. But when he took just a brief but authentic moment to say hello, to ask, to get an update, he noticed a big difference in the office and in his heart.

Perhaps we need to rethink the notion that a moment spent connecting is a waste of time. On the contrary, it can be one of the richest aspects of life.

This same principle applies to our relationship with our Maker. No matter how disconnected we may

feel from Him, the great Governor of the universe is never too busy to reconnect with us. Of course, we don't need modern technologies to communicate with God. Sometimes the best way is through a simple hymn of praise or a moment of prayer.

Editor's note: Courtesy of Bonneville Communications, endorsed by Chaplain (Col.) Ron Hill, Installation Chaplain, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	.Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	.Heritage	.5 p.m.

Protestant

Contemporary Worship	.Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	.Main Post	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	.Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	.Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	.Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	.Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	.Marne	.9:30 a.m.

Islamic

Friday Jum'ah	.Marne	.1:30 p.m.
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Contact Yahya Hassan at (414) 899-7226.

Jewish

Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.

Friday	.Marne	.11:30 a.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	.Chapel	.11 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday Service	.Chapel	.9 a.m.
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Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday

at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email

fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel

Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for

free games and pizza

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Sunday

at Vale Chapel

in Bryan Village.

For more information,

call 877-7207

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Winn Briefs

Behavioral Health services available to Family

Behavioral Health services for Family members are available at either Value-Options TRICARE at 1-877-298-3514 or Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647. Retirees requesting service may call Value-Options TRICARE at 1-800-700-8646.

Behavioral Health clinic walk-in hours change

Effective immediately, the Fort Stewart Behavioral Health Clinic for active-duty Soldiers new walk-in hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday. The clinic is located at 1083 Worcester Ave., building 9242, Fort Stewart. For more information, call 767-1747 or 767-1654.

Call to cancel your appointments

If you need to cancel your medical appointment, call the cancellation line at 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Follow the prompts to cancel your appointment. This will create more open appointments and decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment. Thank you for helping us by helping you with your access to care.

Join breast cancer support group

The Fort Stewart breast cancer support group is scheduled

to meet from noon to 1 p.m., April 15 at Army Community Service, 191 Lindquist Road, building 86. For more information, please call Maj. Frederick Davidson with Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

Limited services in April

Winn Army Community Hospital will have limited services and appointments from April 3-17 for re-integration of the 3rd Infantry Division. Emergency Department services will be open. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Come to Patient, Family Care meeting

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by joining the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m., April 14 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium. Questions call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail Linda.king2@amedd.army.mil.

Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., April 16 at Aviation Brigade classroom, building 1525, next to Garrison Headquarters. Questions call Brandon Yarber at 315-5731 or e-mail Brandon.yarber@amedd.army.mil.

Patient and Family Centered Care standards include involving patients and Families in all aspects of the planning and delivery of healthcare services.

Warriors in Transition to discuss concerns

A Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer forum for Warriors in Transition will be held every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at 852 Harmon Ave., building 202, Fort Stewart (PAD Conference Room).

Warriors in Transition can come to discuss any issues, questions, or concerns with their MEB/PEB. Questions, call Fran Carver at 435-6890.

Log on to Behavioral Health Web site

The Army has a great Behavioral Health Web site. The link is www.behavioralhealth.army.mil. This link is designed to be a central source of behavioral health information and relevant links for Soldiers, Family members, providers, and the public.

Call new mental health hotline

Soldiers who have been reluctant to seek help for mental health problems may call a new automated phone-in assessment program.

The hotline is the latest effort to reach out to Soldiers and Family members who might not otherwise seek help for post-traumatic stress or other psychological issues. The calls will be conducted in English and Spanish and will operate 24 hours daily. The toll-free number for the Telephone Self-Assessment is (877) 877-3647.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

February 19

• **Brianna Ortiz**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Edgardo Ortiz and Lida Alvarado.

March 3

• **Mario Nicholas Reed**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Donnie Reed, Jr. and Spc. Ericka Latoya Green.

March 6

• **Savannha Rayanne Conner**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Ocie Conner and Corey Conner.

• **Devan Jacob Hartline**, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pvt. Beau Hartline and Tiffany Hartline.

March 9

• **Jasper Grace Michelle Lewis**, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Kevin L. Lewis and Patryce Nichole Lewis.

March 10

• **Joshua Alex McCormick Jr.**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Joshua Alex McCormick and Spc. Amanda Lee McCormick.

• **Gabriel Lee Stine**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Robert E. Stine II and Heather E. Stine.

March 13

• **Wyatt Allan Busch**, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Dustin Bryan William Busch and Jessica Marie Busch.

March 14

• **Naima Laveah Gray**, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Vernon Lamaar Gray Jr. and Jacqueline Gray.

March 15

• **John Parker Davoll**, a boy, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. William Davoll and Jennifer Davoll.

• **Alison Nicole Howerton**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Jeff Howerton and Haleigh Howerton.

March 16

• **Edward Mallary McHenry III**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Edward Mallary McHenry Jr. and Jennifer Suzanne McHenry.

TRICARE is ‘hooking up’ beneficiaries, providers

Special to the Frontline

The Behavioral Health Provider Locator and Appointment Assistance Service has taken more than 2,300 calls in the U.S. to help Active Duty Service Members and their Families find approved behavioral health providers in their area.

The service that began three months ago allows ADSMs and their Families to call their managed care support contractor if they are having a problem locating a network provider. The provider locator and assistance staff has successfully assisted more than 1,500 beneficiaries that were eligible for the service by locating and making appointments; often engaging the beneficiary in a conference call with the provider to ensure scheduling is satisfactory.

“I’m extremely proud of this service,” said Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. “TRICARE continues to recognize needs and to sup-

port military Families.”

Beneficiaries are reminded that the Behavioral Health Provider Locator and Appointment Assistance Service is not a help line for behavioral health treatment, counseling, or advice.

For assistance making behavioral health appointments, the toll-free number is: South Region, (877) 298-3514.

All ADSMs must have a referral from their primary care manager for behavioral health care before calling the MCSC appointment assistance line. TRICARE Prime Active Duty Family members can receive the first eight outpatient behavioral health care visits per Fiscal Year (Oct.1 – Sept.30) without a referral, but they must receive the care from TRICARE network providers to avoid point-of-service cost sharing charges.

For more information about TRICARE and the behavioral health appointment assistance service, visit the mental health and behavior section at www.tricare.mil.

Retired Soldiers help Warriors in Transition with questions, concerns

MEDDAC Public Affairs

A commonly asked question at Winn Army Community Hospital and the Warrior Transition Battalion these days is “What is an Ombudsman?” Ombudsman is a fancy name for advocate or representative. Ombudsmen within the WTB function as Soldier-Family advocates in support of the Army’s Warrior in Transition Program. The Ombudsmen are available to Soldiers and Family members who are experiencing frustration, anger or disappointment with the system or who need extra assistance or lift to navigate the system.

Mac McClain and Bill Hannigan have over 72 years of combined military service plus medical experience, so they are famil-

iar with the needs of Soldiers. They are now serving as Ombudsmen at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield’s WTB. These advocates serve as independent liaisons between the U.S. Army Medical Command, Warriors in Transition and their Families, and the hospital Commander, by acting as communicators, facilitators and problem solvers.

Ombudsmen resolve complaints, assist in obtaining accurate information, and act as the advocate for Warriors in Transition and their Families who face complex, often overwhelming issues such as their healthcare, pay, physical disability processing, Reserve Component medical retention, and transition to the Veterans Administration. No issue is too big or too

small.

“We’re here to help the patient get answers or point them in the direction of the right subject matter expert to get the answer,” said McClain.

Since Ombudsmen’s duties are centered primarily on Warrior Transition Soldiers and their Families, they work in concert with the hospital Patient Advocates, case managers, social workers and medical staff to ensure that the needs of the Soldiers are met. McClain and Hannigan investigate issues, concerns, complaints and assist Warriors and their Families in obtaining accurate information. They always attempt to resolve issues at the local level.

Ombudsmen also track the system, identifying and documenting lessons learned

and collect data to facilitate improvements. McClain and Hannigan are available to listen and provide advice and assistance to any WTB Soldier or Family member who needs assistance. Ombudsmen are neutral agents- taking no sides, said Hannigan.

McClain is located in the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic, building 412 and can be reached by calling 435-5415 or 980-8143 or e-mail: mac.mcclain2@amedd.army.mil. Hannigan is located in the TRICARE Service Center, building 202 and can be reached by calling 435-5750 or 320-9189 or e-mail: william.hannigan@us.army.mil. In mid- April, both Ombudsmen will be co-located with the WTB Headquarters on 9th Street, Fort Stewart.

MWR Briefs

Join toddler time at Cypress Sam's

Come join us at "play day" from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the facility opens for regular business. The play day allows our little customers the chance to enjoy Cypress Sam's Treehouse before it gets too crowded. Open to children ages 0 to 5 but remember, a parent must accompany children. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 767-4273.

Join women's bowling tournament

A women's bowling tournament is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and April 5-6 at Marne Lanes. Sign up now and reserve a spot in the tournament. For more information, call 767-4866.

Enjoy Extreme Dodgeball

Come participate in an extreme, five-on-five dodgeball tournament at Jordan Youth Gym. The tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday. Teams must have at least five participants prior to the event to compete. Participation is free to kids ages 11 through 17. Registration deadline is Saturday. For more information, call Jordan Youth center at 767-1428.

Fiesta Brunch, kids cooking class slated

Come join us for a delicious Fiesta Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m., April 6 at Club Stewart and April 13 at Hunter Club. The menu features a fajita bar with chicken and beef, tomato, lettuce, guacamole, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream, flour and corn tortillas, chicken enchiladas, Mexican Station, sopapillas, egg flan, breakfast items, and a Margarita and Mexican beer station.

The cost is \$11.95 per person, children 5-10 half price, under 5 eat free. Get \$1 off each meal with a church bulletin. For more information, call 368-2212 at Fort Stewart and 353-7923 at Hunter. A Fiesta Kids cooking class will also be held. Come out and make your favorite fiesta treat and craft. The class will be held at Club Stewart at 3 to 5 p.m., April 6 at Club Stewart and April 13 at Hunter. Reservations are required due to limited space. For more information, call 368-2212 at Stewart and 353-7923 at Hunter.

Come to MWR Yard Sale

Come out and sell your unwanted items at the Post-Wide Yard Sale. Or just come browse through treasures from all over the world.

The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 26 at Stewart and Hunter Club parking lots, plus homes throughout post housing. Spaces are available at the Club Stewart and Squires Sports Complex parking lot location for \$5 a space. All active duty military, Family members, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Department of the Army civilians are eligible to sell items.

Yard sale is open to the public. All items are eligible to be sold, except for weapons, food, and retail items, such as, Avon,

Tupperware, etc. Spots are limited, so reserve your space today! Registration deadline is April 22 for both parking lots and post housing. For more information, call 767-8238 at Fort Stewart or 315-5078 at Hunter.

Enter big fish contest

Come enjoy a day of fishing from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 3 at Pond Number 30 on Fort Stewart. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each category, and door prizes will be given out. Registration will be held until April 18 at Pass and Permit. Open to active duty Soldiers. For more information, call 435-8033.

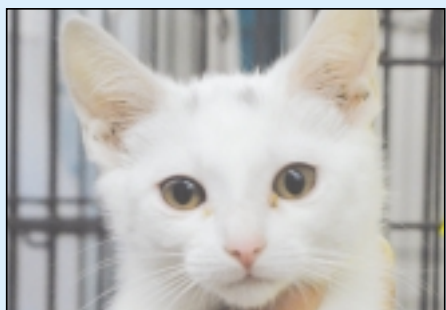
Super fun show slated

Join School Age Services for a fun-filled show. The show will include music, puppetry, and storytelling performed by a pied piper. The performance uses a humorous approach to educate children. The show will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., April 4 at School Age Services Auditorium. For more information, call 767-3202.

Join 3-on-3 tournament at youth gym

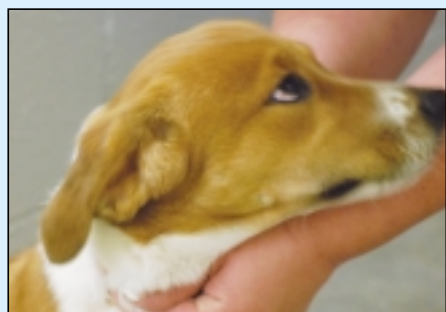
Jordan Youth Gym will hold a three-on-three basketball tournament from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 9. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program will also be held during the tournament in conjunction with ACS for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Awards will be given away to winning teams. Open to ages 11-17. For more information, call 767-1428.

Pets of the Week



The Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic is under renovation through March and has reduced services; however, pet adoptions will continue.

Snow the kitten and Kenya, the pup are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



AAFES PRESENTS

MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 3



Strange Wilderness

Today — 7 p.m.

(Steve Zahn, Allen Covert)

Animal enthusiast Peter Gaulke and his sidekick Fred Wolf host an ailing wildlife TV show "Strange Wilderness, which is in a steep ratings decline. Desperate to save the show, Peter hatches a Hail Mary scheme to find the one animal that could truly turn the show around and change the nature-show landscape forever -- Rated R (language, drug use, crude, sexual humor) 85 min

Definitely, Maybe

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin)

A thirty-something Manhattan dad is in the midst of a divorce when his 10-year-old daughter, Maya, starts to question him about his life before marriage. Maya wants to know absolutely everything about how her parents met and fell in love: Will's story begins in 1992, as a

young, starry-eyed aspiring politician who moves to New York from Wisconsin in order to work on the presidential campaign.

For Maya, Will relives his past as an idealistic young man learning the 'ins' and 'outs' of big city politics, and recounts the history of his romantic relationships with three very different women. *Rated PG13 (sexual content, frank dialogue, language, smoking) 112 min*

Step up 2: The Streets

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Briana Evigan, Robert Hoffman)

When rebellious street dancer Andie lands at the elite Maryland School of the Arts, she finds herself fighting to fit in while also trying to hold onto her old life. She ultimately finds a way to live her dream while building a bridge between her two separate worlds. *Rated PG-13 (language, suggestive material, violence) 97 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.



Live Oak Public Libraries’ programs

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library:

Preschool Story time

Join us for stories, songs, and more each Monday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children three to four years-old.

Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and more 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for ages one to two-years-old.

Human Resource Management meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

Dublin VAMC holds Thank You for veterans

Community members are invited to attend the first “Thank You” event for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans. The event is sponsored by the Dublin Veterans Affairs Medical Center, noon to 4 p.m., April 19 at the Carl Vinson VAMC, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, Ga.

Orlando and St Augustine trip slated

Come take a trip to The Holy Land Experience theme park in Orlando, Fla., Arabian Night Dinner Theatre, the historic trolley tour of St. Augustine and much more. The bus will depart the Leisure Activities Center at Hunter at 5:15 a.m. and Fort Stewart at 6 a.m., April 5 and return April 6.

The cost is \$150 per hotel room, includes bus transportation and hotel accommodations for up to four people. Theme park tickets, dinner show tickets, and trolley tour tickets are available for purchase at Leisure Travel. Register ends March 31. For more information, call 767-8609 at Stewart and 315-3674 at Hunter.

AASU takes Jazz Ensemble ‘On The Road’

The Atlantic Armstrong State University Jazz Ensemble performs 7:30 p.m., April 15 at the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St. The show is free and open to the public as part of Jazz Appreciation Month.

The program will be a mix of historic and contemporary music for big band, which includes selections from groups such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton; 1960s and 70s groups like Thad Jones-Mel Lewis; and modern/contemporary groups such as the big bands of Bob Mintzer and Gordon Goodwin.

The band will also perform big band arrangements of standards and tunes from the small group jazz tradition. For more information, call Larry Dane-Kellogg at 3550-8111 or visit online at www.coastal-jazz.org.

Crime Victim’s Rights Week kicks off with film

“Hiding in Plain Sight: Sexual Predators Among Us” will be the topic of the local Crime Victim’s Rights Week kick-off

at 7 p.m., April 14 at the Jewish Education Alliance center, 5111 Abercorn Street. Featured is an adult survivor who discusses how the molester insinuated himself into the boy’s life and manipulated the child and family for his own twisted purposes.

The survivor also shares the emotional anguish, substance abuse and delinquent behavior that resulted from his abuse. Following the film, a panel of local experts will discuss issues related to sexual abuse and child protection.

The event, sponsored by the Savannah-Chatham Family Violence Council, is free and open to the public. Parents are particularly invited to attend. For more information, please call the Coastal Children’s Advocacy Center at 236-1401.

Home buyer education workshop held

Community members are invited to a free home buyer education workshop 3 to 3:30 p.m., May 3 at the Hinesville City Council room on the second floor.

Topics include shopping for a home, knowing your credit, correcting credit problems and more. Attendee’s can register by calling the Community Development Department Next Step Program at 876-6573.

Civil War Trust Volunteer Day slated

Volunteers will assist the Fort McAllister State Park 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 5 with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort will be given.

The park is located at Georgia Spur 144/ Fort McAllister Rd., Richmond Hill, Ga. Directions: I-95, Exit #90, then east on GA Hwy. 144, look for signs. For more information, call 727-2339.

President's Scholar announced

Savannah Country Day School senior Daniel Gallagher has been named a President's Scholar by the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The President's Scholarship is Georgia Tech's premier merit-based award. It is offered to approximately 110 outstanding entering freshmen who have demonstrated superb leadership skills, are among the top few in their class in academic performance, and show promise of continuing such performance in college and beyond.

Golf tournament announced

Performance Initiatives, Inc is helping support AWWIN, Inc. in their 3rd annual Golf Tournament at Savannah Harbor, June 13. Sponsors and players are needed. Please call Kerri Goodrich 507-7106 or register at www.awwin-inc2.org.

Worker’s compensation brief scheduled

The Sullivan Group's third quarterly Lecture Series will feature "Worker's Compensation: Everything You Ever Needed to Know." The discussion will take place Thursday, April 17 at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. HR Tips dis-

cussed at each presentation take on timely issues facing the world of employment and employee relations. For more information, or to RSVP for the event, please call Eileen Nuzzo, 961-8882.

Savannah Business luncheon slated

The 2008 Savannah Business Champions Annual Awards Luncheon, noon, April 29, at the Riverfront Marriott. Guest Speaker is SCMPD Chief Michael Berkow presenting "Savannah through the Eyes of the Top Cop".

Awards will be presented for Small Business Champion, New and Emerging Small Business and Small Business of the Year. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available. RSVP and Award Forms are available on the SBC Web site. www.smallbusinesschamber.org

Help raise money for Olympians

The Savannah Biathalon begins at 8 a.m. April 5 to raise money for Olympic Hopefuls to travel and compete in the Olympic Trials while encouraging everyone to work out and have fun. This swin/run event is for all ages. contact Kerri Goodrich, Peformance Initiatives, Inc. at 507-7106 or register at www.active.com under Savannah Biathalon.

Savannah tennis events scheduled

There will be a series of fundraising tennis events held at Chatham County Clubs to benefit the Savannah Ronald McDonald House between April and Sept. 2008. For sponsorship or participation information, contact Kathy Feron at 598-5354 or Jeff Chandley at 598-2570.

Hike the Appalachian

Join MWR for a sight-seeing opportunity that begins in Northern Georgia on April 11-14. The Appalachian trail is a continuous marked footpath that goes from Katahdin, Maine to Springer Mountain, Ga. We will spend the night on the trail. Space is limited, so sign up today! Registration ends April 4. Participants must provide their own equipment and food. For more information, call 767-4316.

Help raise money for Sheriff’s Boy’s Ranch

Georgia Sheriff's Boy's Ranch will hold a poker run April 27, with a rain date of May 4 to help raise funds for the ranch. Sign up deadline is 8 a.m., as the first bike run leaves 9 a.m., then continue at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. T-shirts are available for \$12. There will be door prizes and drawings. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please call Major John Wilcher at 652-7609; Gretchen Derrberry at 652-7632 or Roger Martin at 652-7799. More information is available online at www.chathamsheriff.org.

Help raise money to fight cancer

Come join the fun at a three-point shoot-out, 1 p.m. March 29 at the Riceboro Youth Center. The entry fee is \$5 for contestants, \$1 for spectators. Registration begins at noon. Concessions will be sold and prizes will be awarded. The proceeds benefit the Relay for life.

Help fight cancer by donating your treasures to a yard sale to benefit the Relay for Life, March 29, at the Riceboro Youth Center on Highway 17.

U.S. Army Soldier Show set to start tour

Tim Hipps
FMWRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Fort Stewart’s Spc. Marlaina Cutter will be performing with the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show’s 25th anniversary tour, which begins April 11 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Soldier Show then embarks April 24 on a seven-month tour of about 100 performances on military installations across the United States, Germany, Belgium and Italy. The international portion of the tour will consume most of May and early June.

The cast and crew will emphasize their working motto of “entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier” in a simulated deployed setting to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the modern U.S. Army Soldier Show, which opens April 11 at Wallace Theater.

“The impression we want the audience to get is that they’ve been transported to the

Middle East to a combat area,” Soldier Show director Tim Higdon said

The stage floor will be tan to simulate sand and the façade will be covered with desert camouflage nets and faux sandbags to simulate a field environment in Iraq or Afghanistan. Army Combat Uniform seatback covers will extend the setting throughout the entire auditorium.

A louvered wall stage backdrop that features a desert sunset with signs bearing the names of Army camps and Forward Operating Base locations will help make the set seem surreal, along with the sounds of a field environment: trucks bypassing, helicopters taking off and buzzing overhead, off-duty Soldiers at play, cadence calling, etc.

“The printed program has a smart book or field manual layout, which goes back to the Soldier aspect of the show’s mission,” Higdon said. “The goal is to give the sense that we are watching the Soldiers return from a mission,

who then take the time to put on a show for the audience.”

In the end, troops will be donning their battle gear as they exit the stage.

“Just to drive home that they start the show as Soldiers and they leave the show the same way, as Soldiers – to do what their mission in life is,” said Higdon, a 1988 Soldier Show performer who this year replaced Victor Hurtado in the director’s chair. “Since we’re not taking the show to Baghdad, we’re bringing Baghdad to the show.”

Nearly half of the cast and crew already have deployed during the War on Terror, so they know the drill. Just getting an opportunity to perform on a seven-month tour of entertaining Soldiers and military Families will fulfill a lifelong dream for most of them. The latest in video and light-emitting diode technologies will add to the production. Two 65-inch plasma displays will be suspended from speaker clusters that will play a loop of sponsor video

commercials, Soldier Show cast and crew interviews, along with FMWRC and MWR logos and promos before the show.

During the show, the video screens will add visual elements to the performances. For example, the cast will honor the modern era of the show’s 25th anniversary with a World War II tune: “This is the Army, Mr. Jones,” which was written in 1942 by Soldier Show founder Irving Berlin for “This is the Army.” During that number, a video montage of photographs, posters and video clips will chronicle a quarter century of Soldier Shows.

“We touch on the 25 years, but the show isn’t focused on that,” Higdon said. “The show is still relevant to today’s Soldier and Family members in the communities. We have some fun with period pieces, as we always do, but there’s no conscious effort to really drive home ‘25 years’ throughout the show. It’s really more about the Soldier and the environment they serve in today.”

ACS VolunteerSpotlight

Sharon Hemric is an Army Community Service Outreach full-time volunteer working in the Soldier Service Center, building 253. Sharon volunteers out of a total commitment and dedication in her heart to Soldiers, Families and civilians. Sharon sincerely enjoys working with the Families in the New Family Orientation, the ACS Family Welcome Office, and all monthly Outreach Specialty programs that assist to enhance well-being of the Family, Soldier and

Civilian. Being a wife whose spouse is deployed to Iraq, caring for her two young children, and volunteering for other agencies, she is committed to Families and all there concerns. Mrs. Hemric serves every day, never missing a day, at the ACS Outreach program committed to Family, Soldier and civilian values!

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS Outreach volunteer contact Linda Moseley 767-9176.



Sharon Hemric



Tim Hipps

The cast of the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show – front row, left to right: Spc. Katherine Schaefer, Pfc. Casey Long and Spc. Shirley Dirden; middle row: Pfc. Leroy Bradley III, Spc. Marlaina Cutter, Spc. Yvonniece Mills, Spc. Joan Usyk, Pfc. Jokia Goshen and Sgt. 1st Class Earnest Baskin; back row: Sgt. Kevin Lynum, Cpl. Amber Jones, Sgt. 1st Class Dendre Wright, 1st Lt. David Drew and Sgt. Joshua Hamilton.

Army Community Service



Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability.

We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to Active, Retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family members, regardless of branch of service.

Department of Defense civilian employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members.

ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's Military. For information or to register for programs, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Volunteer tomorrow at Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed Friday for the Special Olympics at Quick Track (Cottrell Field). To volunteer, please report by 8 a.m. Buses for the 120 athletes will arrive at 9 a.m., and volunteers will be assigned an athlete for the day. The role of the volunteer is to escort, hug and cheer the athlete. Dress for the day will be casual. Bring a jacket, sunscreen, etc. Make sure that you dress appropriately, as some athletes may need some lifting. Rain date is April 4.

Get help finding a job

Resumix, the "insider's tips" to navigating the federal job site, will be held March 31 at the DOIM classroom from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A resume-writing class will be at 9:30 a.m. at ACS-Stewart building 86, April 3. At Hunter-ACS building 1279, Resume/Resumix Training will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 8. Please call 767-5058 (Stewart) or 315-6816 (Hunter) to register for the Employment Readiness classes.

Shape your child's future

You are your child's first and most important teacher, so what are you teaching your children? The majority of what they learn comes from watching you. A new class offered by the New Parent Support Program, Mirror Image, teaches parents of children ages 1-5 about the physical, emotional, and social needs of your children and how you can help them reach their full potential. Please call 767-5058 to register for the Mirror Image class from 5 to 7 p.m., April 1.

New parents invited to new class

Baby Talk, a new class focusing on the basics of newborn care, also includes an important discussion on Shaken Baby Syndrome and methods for comforting your crying infant and yourself. New parents, those who will be new parents again, grandparents, and caregivers at Fort Stewart are welcome to attend the Baby Talk class at the Education Center, building 100 from 2 to 4 p.m., April 1. Call 767-5058 to register.

Be a mayor in your community

The deadline is April 1 for residents who are interested in serving as a Community Mayor to apply for a position for the coming year. Experience the rewards and responsibilities of helping to build an Army Strong community. Call 767-5058 (Stewart) or 315-6816 (Hunter) for application information.

Home buyers seminar at Hunter

First-time home buyers as well as seasoned home buyers

are invited to the Hunter Theater from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., April 1. Jackie Ogden from the University of Georgia Chatham County Extension Center will discuss how to get the most home for your money, preparing your credit for purchase, and tips you need to know before buying your home. Call 315-6816 to reserve your seat.

Participate in FRG training

At Hunter Army Airfield, a company-level Family Readiness Group Leaders Forum will be held April 2 at the Religious Education Center building 129 from 9 a.m. to noon, and a repeat session will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Open to all company-level FRG leaders, this is an opportunity to share ideas, information, and resources. Child care must be reserved by calling 315-6115. For more information or to register for FRG training, please call 315-6816.

Learn to manage your checkbook

Learn the basics of banking, how to avoid overdrafts,

and how to get better control of your money.

At Hunter, checkbook management will be held at 9 a.m. at ACS-Hunter building 1279, April 2. At Fort Stewart, checkbook management class is offered every Friday at 9 a.m. at ACS-Stewart building 86.

Strengthen your parenting skills

Parents of children ages 5-12 can learn new parenting skills to help make their lives a little easier by signing up for the next Active Parenting class. By learning problem-solving skills, steps to good communication, and effective discipline techniques, you will strengthen your Family relationship. The workshop runs for three consecutive weeks beginning April 3 at Hunter, and April 8 at Stewart. To register or for more information, call 767-5058 or 315-6816 at Hunter).

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Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

Courtesy photo

Army Community Services offers assistance to to Soldiers, retirees, and Family members with a wide range of services.



2nd Lt. Stephen Williams

Lt. Col. Christopher Sallese presents Certificates of Appreciation to Shurland Watson and Andrea DeShazo.

Black Diamonds help improve youth reading

2nd Lt. Stephen Williams
92nd Engineers

Soldiers from the 92nd Engineer Battalion, the "Black Diamonds," recently participated in a Family Reading Night at Largo-Tibet Elementary School in Savannah. Family Reading Night is a program started this year to improve reading among students and promote parental interest in educational activities. "This is to get parents to turn off the television and read with their children," said Shurland Watson, a fourth grade teacher at Largo-Tibet who coordinates Family Reading Night.

The "Black Diamonds" became involved in Family Reading Night when commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Sallese met with Largo-

Tibet Principal, Andrea DeShazo, and asked how the battalion could show its gratitude for the support given by the school to Soldiers and their Families during the 92nd's last deployment to Iraq.

Family Reading Night is held every nine weeks. Students select a book and read it to a parent, teacher, or Soldier, who helps them with any words they stumble over.

Once they finish, the students take a short test over the book they read on a computer.

Since the program started in January, more than two dozen Black Diamond Soldiers have participated in Family Reading Night. Some of the Soldiers have children at Largo-Tibet, but most are non-parents donating their time to help the students improve their reading.

— ACS Extended Hours —

Fort Stewart Army Community Service will extend its hours of operation to welcome and provide services to Soldiers and their Families. The ACS facility at 201 Lindquist Road, Building 86, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturdays. The new hours begin March 26.

ACS Director Donna Finney said the new hours are in response to the return of the 1st BCT. "We want to make sure that we are available to meet the needs of our returning Soldiers and their Families. Extending our hours of operation will provide more opportunities for Families to visit us and ask questions or obtain the resources that they need," she

said.

Family Advocacy Program and Army Emergency Relief personnel will be on duty during all open hours, as well as financial counselors, military Family life consultants, and supporting staff.



FAP personnel will provide crisis management and referrals to additional services, according to

Becky Sellars, FAP Program Manager. "We will be here to speak with Families and direct them to the resources that they need. Our Victim Advocates are on call 24 hours a day, too. A MFLC will be here at ACS for Family members who need someone to talk to right away," Sellars said.

The extended hours will continue as long as needed.

For additional information about ACS services at Stewart, call
767-5058.

OSC Luncheon slated

Members of OSC and their guests are invited to our April Luncheon. Due to spring break, our luncheon will be held the first Thursday, April . We will play a special military spouse version of Family Feud as well as hold the elections for our 2008-09 Executive Board. Social and shopping begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please reserve your spot prior to noon, March 31.

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